

November 24, 2004

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P.  
2300 FIRST CITY TOWER  
1001 FANNIN STREET  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002-6760  
TELEPHONE (713) 758-2222  
FAX (713) 758-2346  
www.velaw.com

Timothy S. Corder  
Direct Dial 512-542-8446  
Direct Fax 512-236-3377  
tcorder@velaw.com

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, VA 22313-1450, on the date below:

November 24, 2004  
Date

  
Timothy S. Corder

*Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/626,907 entitled "BIOACTIVE COATING FOR MEDICAL DEVICES" by Mark Van Dyke et al.  
Attorney Docket No. KER020/4-035US (formerly SWRI-2966-03)*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Clean copy of the substitute specification;
3. Marked copy of the substitute specification; and
4. Postcard. Please date stamp and mail the postcard.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this document. However, should any fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-035US.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy S. Corder  
Patent Agent  
Reg. No. 38,414

9282:5588  
Enclosures

485684\_1.DOC



JFW

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:  
Mark Van Dyke et al.

Serial No.: 10/626,907

Filing Date: July 25, 2003

For: BIOACTIVE COATING FOR MEDICAL  
DEVICES

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Unknown

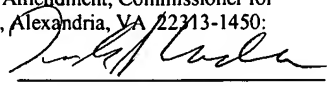
Atty. Dkt. No.: KER020/4-035US  
(formerly SwRI-2966-03)

Confirmation No.: 2421

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited  
with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope  
addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for  
Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

November 24, 2004  
Date

  
Timothy S. Corder

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted as a Preliminary Amendment to the patent application identified above. It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-035US.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached substitute specification. Both a clean copy and a marked-up copy are attached.

The present amendment has been undertaken to renumber the pages consecutively, cancel incomplete sentences, and add a brief description of the figures, all caused by the apparent

omission of page 5 when the specification was originally filed. It is applicants' belief that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy S. Corder', is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy S. Corder  
Reg. No. 38,414  
Agent for Applicant

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.  
2300 First City Tower  
1001 Fannin  
Houston, Texas 77002-6760  
512-542-8446

Date: November 24, 2004